

**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
**June 28, 2006**

**JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
***MEETING MINUTES***

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The Justice Behavioral Health Committee (Committee), formerly Justice Substance Abuse Team (JSAT) of the Community Corrections Council (Council) met Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at the Bryan LGH Classroom, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Present:

John Atherton  
Jerome Barry, Co-Chair  
Shannon Black  
Ellen Brokofsky  
Jennifer Doné  
Mike Dunkle  
Cathy Gibson-Beltz  
Raleigh Haas  
Julie Hippen  
Linda Krutz  
Rick McNeese  
Deb Minardi  
Mike Overton  
Julie Rogers  
Steve Rowoldt, Co-Chair  
Christine Salvatore  
Kathy Seacrest  
Linda Wittmuss

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Steve Rowoldt and Jerome Barry, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order. Attendance is indicated above. Each person present introduced him or herself and gave a brief statement about his or her involvement.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 20, 2006, meeting stood approved as presented.

## **NAME CHANGE: JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE (JBHC)**

Steve Rowoldt, Co-chair, discussed the name change from Justice Substance Abuse Team (JSAT) to Justice Behavioral Health Committee (Committee). The new name was approved by the Council. The Committee will now focus on mental health and substance abuse.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATE: MEMBERSHIP, MISSION & VISION, & PROCESSES**

The new Committee membership list was distributed. There was discussion about the process of adding members to the Committee and it was agreed to continue to informally add new members based on member suggestion. The Co-chairs will research potential members to represent the defense attorney, county attorney, and consumer, which are not currently represented in the Committee. Raleigh Haas has been added to the Committee member list.

The Committee membership list will be sent out to all Committee members. It will be communicated that anyone who is on the membership list, but unable to attend future meetings should contact Steve Rowoldt or Jerome Barry so that a new member can be added to represent that area.

Jerome Barry, Co-chair, passed out a draft of the mission and vision for the Committee. Many suggestions were made of how the mission and vision could encompass all aspects of the Committee. Jerome will rewrite and submit as a new draft at the next meeting based on suggestions made.

The Co-chairs will meet with Council staff prior to the next Committee meeting to address processes.

## **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL REPORT**

Linda Krutz gave the Community Corrections Council Report. Julie Rogers and Hank Robinson are working on a contract for the Recidivism Reduction Study. Day & Evening Reporting Centers and Specialized Courts standards and budgets have been approved by the Council. The Council continues to work on sentencing guidelines. Council Chairperson, Senator Brashear, and Linda Krutz have spoken to district court judges about sentencing guidelines and have also met with Governor Heineman and the Policy Research Office about sentencing guidelines.

Steve Rowoldt added that local agencies are becoming anxious to use community corrections programs. Much education is needed to ensure public understanding that offenders sentenced to community corrections programs are still supervised and they are not simply “free.”

## **PROBATION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE**

Christine Salvatore stated that she and Deb Minardi have completed 22 training sessions on the Standardized Model across the state. Competency training on the Standardized Model is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> in North Platte. At this time, there are 330 registered providers for the Fee for Service Voucher Treatment Program. Information was requested on where these providers are, how many there are, and what their licensure is. Salvatore will follow up. The Voucher Program has had a total of approximately \$90,000 in treatment claims submitted from March 1, 2006 through May 31, 2006. Based on the information on the completed vouchers, there is little divergence between the recommended level of care and the available level of care. Information was requested on where the vouchers are being used throughout the state and Salvatore will follow up. Probation has talked to Training for Addiction Professionals (TAP) about offering more Addiction Severity Index (ASI) & Comprehensive Adolescent Severity Inventory (CASI) training, but TAP is limited on the number of training sessions they can offer every year. Providers have expressed concern because this training must be completed within a certain amount of time and they may not be able to fulfill this requirement considering availability. Probation will take the limited availability into consideration. The Probation & Parole conference, which will be held in October, is open to Probation and Parole officers and will focus on evidence based practices. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **NEWSLETTER REPORT**

The information that was needed at the time of the first newsletter is now available through Probation. A mass mailing about training requirements was sent to providers at the inception of the community corrections programs. It was suggested to provide brochures about community corrections programs to TAP trainers and area

colleges so that they may distribute them to new potential providers. Probation will look into this possibility.

## **ASAM UPDATE**

Health and Human Services (HHSS) is working on dimension four and coordinating the treatment with the individual's appropriate level. HHSS has been meeting with substance abuse providers about ASAM criteria and looking at the peer review process.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **1. Data -**

Dave Wegner, Chair of the Data Subcommittee, was absent, so Mike Overton presented a draft charge statement. With a few corrections, the charge statement for the Data Subcommittee was approved.

### **2. Curriculum –**

Dan Sturgis, Chair of the Curriculum Subcommittee, was absent, but sent a draft charge statement via email to be presented at the meeting. This subcommittee has not met, so Sturgis put together the draft charge statement himself. The charge statement presented is broad and before the next Committee meeting, the minutes will be reviewed, the membership evaluated, the charge statement will be reviewed, and revisions made.

### **3. Strategic Planning –**

Hank Robinson, Chair of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee, was absent. The Strategic Planning Subcommittee felt that it would be appropriate to wait until the other subcommittee charge statements are finalized. Minutes will be reviewed from previous Committee meetings and then the charge statement for the Strategic Planning Subcommittee will be written.

### **4. Provider Group –**

John Dacey, Chair of the Provider Subcommittee, was absent, but had distributed a draft charge statement at the last Committee meeting. Many suggestions were made. The Co-chairs will forward these suggestions to John Dacey. The charge statement will be updated before the next Committee meeting. Membership of this subcommittee was reviewed. It was suggested that there be a facilitator for the Provider Subcommittee.

## **WORK ETHIC CAMP**

Raleigh Haas, Facility Administrator for the Work Ethic Camp (WEC) in McCook, distributed a handout about WEC, which included statutes, demographics,

staffing, the DCS Overcrowding Report, general offender schedules, description of programs available at WEC, and a “frequently asked questions” section.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bryan LGH West Classroom in Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer K. Doné